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The Mid-Pacific Regional Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has found that an environmental impact statement is not required for the execution of up to 59 Interim Renewal Water Service Contracts for up to a two-year period from March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2006 (see attached Table 1). The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for these 2004 Renewal of Interim Water Service Contracts is incorporated by reference in to this FONSI, and supports this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Section 3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) stipulates that Reclamation must prepare appropriate environmental review for renewal of existing long-term water service contracts. In accordance with Section 3404(c)(1), water contracts may be renewed for an interim period not to exceed three years and for successive interim periods not to exceed two years prior to execution of new long-term contracts. Because the existing interim contracts will expire in February 2004, before long-term contracts can be executed, this action is needed to provide continued water delivery to existing Central Valley Project (CVP) interim contractors.

Reclamation initially prepared an EA in December 1994 to evaluate potential impacts of interim renewal of 67 water service contracts from December 1994 through February 1998. The 67 contracts considered in the 1994 EA were reduced to 54 through consolidation, termination, or assignment. A FONSI for that action was issued in December 1994.

Reclamation completed supplemental EAs in February 1998, February 2000, February 2001, and February 2002 to evaluate potential impacts from interim renewal contracts for an additional two years from March 1998 through February 2000, an additional one-year from March 2000 to February 2001, and an additional 2 years from March 2002 to February 2004. FONSIs for the 1998, 2000, and 2001 interim contracts renewals, were approved.

The proposed action is the execution of interim contracts between the United States and the interim contractors for up to two years. The terms and conditions of the Existing Interim Renewal Contract are incorporated by reference into this proposed interim renewal contract with the exception of the revision to Article 2. A list of the proposed interim contracts addressed in this environmental documentation is included in this FONSI.

As stated previously, Reclamation has found that implementation of the proposed action will result in no significant impact to the quality of the human environment. This finding is supported by the following factors:

1. Water resources – The City of Shasta Lake 2004 interim renewal contract would restore the City's contract its previous long-term contract amount of 4,400 acre-feet/year, but will not cause an increase in City water use. No other interim renewal contracts included in this action will change contract water quantities from the quantities in the existing contracts, and none will cause any increased water use. Therefore, there will be no effect on surface water supplies or quality. For the same reason, renewal of interim contracts will not result in any growth-inducing impacts that will increase water demand during the up to two-year period of this renewal.

2. Land use - The renewal of contracts will not provide for additional water supplies that could act as an incentive for conversion of native habitat for increased acreage of agricultural production, municipal and industrial development, or other activities. The amount and types of crops will vary according to the annual water allocation and farming practices, and a small quantity of irrigation use may be changed to M&I purposes where the existing contract and governing laws and regulations allow. Given the two-year period of this renewal, there will be no net effect on land use.

3. Biological resources - The amount and timing of storage at CVP reservoirs and flows in rivers and streams that convey CVP water during the two-year contract renewal period are expected to be similar to the amount and timing of storage and flows under historic CVP operations and will be in conformance with all existing biological opinions and with regulatory requirements. Renewal of the interim contracts will not cause changes in existing programs to protect biological resources, and programs will continue to be implemented to ensure that no significant impacts to biological resources will occur.

4. Threatened and endangered species – Reclamation has completed consultation with the NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the proposed interim renewal action. The results of those ESA Section 7 consultations, along with implementation of all applicable requirements, ensure that renewal of interim contracts will not result in any significant effect to threatened or endangered species.

5. Cultural resources - The proposed action will not cause activities that could affect cultural resources, such as permanent changes in reservoir elevations, development of native habitat for agricultural or M&I use, or the construction of any new facilities. No impacts to cultural resources are expected.

6. Recreation resources - The proposed action will not cause changes in historic CVP operations that determine reservoir storage or the amount or timing of water deliveries. Therefore, no impacts to recreational resources are anticipated.

7. Demographics and environmental justice - The proposed action will not cause changes in historical water supplies or CVP operations and, as a result, no changes in population and the various indicators of social well being will result from the contract renewal. The proposed action will support continued agricultural production and therefore will not cause changes to employment of minority and low-income populations. No disproportionate impacts to minority or low-income populations are expected to occur as a result of renewing these contracts.

8. Indian Trust Assets - Continued delivery of project water to the existing contracts will not affect any Indian Trust Assets because existing rights will not be affected, no physical changes to existing facilities are proposed, and no new facilities are proposed.

9. Economic resources - The renewal of interim CVP contracts will not cause changes from existing contracts in deliveries or pricing of CVP water, CVP facilities operations, CVP power generation and use, or recreation use, and will therefore not cause economic impacts.

Information about the Supplemental EA prepared for the proposed action or this FONSI may be obtained from Frank Michny, Bureau of Reclamation, and (916) 978-5025.

Table 1. Central Valley Project 2004 Interim Renewal Contractors, IRC contract quantities, and the proposed 2004 contract number.

CVP Contractor	Contract Quantity (A/F)	2004 Proposed Contract No.
<u>American River Division</u>		
<u>Folsom Lake Unit:</u>		
	7,500	14-06-200-1357A
El Dorado Irrigation District (Lake Hills Estates)	50	14-06-200-7312-IR7
San Juan Water District	11,200	14-06-200-152A-IR8
<u>Sly Park Unit:</u>		
El Dorado Irrigation District <i>(Transferring title to EID, but will include in this impact analysis)</i>	23,000	14-06-200-949-IR8
<u>Delta Division</u>		
<u>Delta-Mendota Canal:</u>		
Banta-Carbona Irrigation District	20,000	14-06-200-4305A-IR8-A
Broadview Water District	27,000	14-06-200-8092-IR8
Centinella Water District	2,500	7-07-20-W0055-IR8
	2,080	14-06-200-7859A-IR2
Del Puerto Water District,	140,210	14-06-200-922-IR10
Eagle Field Water District	4,550	14-06-200-7754-IR8
	4,000	14-06-200-4019A-IR2
	35,300	14-06-200-700-A-IR2
Laguna Water District	800	2-07-20-W0266-IR8
Mercy Springs Water District	2,842	14-06-200-3365A-IR8-A
Pajaro Valley Water Management Area, Westlands Water District (District # 1) and Santa Clara Valley Water District.	6,260	14-06-200-3365A-IR8-B
	4,198	14-06-200-3365A-IR8-C (assign from Mercy Springs WD)
Oro Loma Water District	4,600	14-06-200-7823-IR8
Patterson Irrigation District	16,500	14-06-200-3598A-IR8
Plain View Water District	20,600	14-06-200-785-IR-10
	228	14-06-200-3802A-IR2
The West Side Irrigation District	5,000	7-07-20-W0045-IR8-A
	5,000	14-06-200-4305A-IR8-B (partial assign. from Banta Carbona ID)
	2,500	7-07-20-W0045-IR8-B (partial assign. from The West Side ID)
	13,800	14-06-200-701-A-IR2
	70	14-06-200-3537A-IR2
	450	3-07-20-W1124-IR1
West Stanislaus Irrigation District	50,000	14-06-200-1072-IR10
Widren Water District	2,990	14-06-200-8018-IR8
<u>Friant Division</u>		
<u>Friant-Kern Canal:</u>		
	1,450	14-06-200-1911A-IR2

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<u>Sacramento River Division</u>		
<u>Corning Canal Unit:</u>		
Corning Water District	23,000	14-06-200-6575-IR8
Proberta Water District	3,500	14-06-200-7311-IR8
Thomes Creek Water District	6,400	14-06-200-5271A-IR8
<u>Tehama-Colusa Canal Unit:</u>		
Colusa County Water District	62,200	14-06-200-304-A-IR8
Colusa, County Of (Subs: Colusa County WD, Cortina WD, 4-M WD, Glenn Valley WD, Holthouse WD, La Grande WD, Myers-Marsh MWC)	60,000	14-06-200-8310A-IR8
Davis Water District	4,000	14-06-200-6001A-IR8
Dunnigan Water District	19,000	14-06-200-399A-IR8
Glide Water District	10,500	7-07-20-W0040-IR8
Kanawha Water District	45,000	14-06-200-466-A-IR8
Kirkwood Water District	2,100	7-07-20-W0056-IR8
La Grande Water District	5,000	7-07-20-W0022-IR8
Orland-Artois Water District	53,000	14-06-200-8382A-IR8
Westside Water District	25,000	14-06-200-8222-IR8
	40,000	14-06-200-8310X-IR2assignment from Co. of Colusa
<u>Feather River :</u>		
Feather Water District	20,000	14-06-200-171A-IR9
<u>Shasta Division</u>		
Shasta Lake, City Of		4-07-20-W1134-IR10
	350	14-06-200-6998-IR2
	5,000	14-06-200-3367A
<u>Trinity River Division</u>		
Bella Vista Water District	24,000	14-06-200-851A-IR9
Clear Creek CSD	15,300	14-06-200-489-A-IR9
	1,000	14-06-200-862A-IR2
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
<u>Colusa Basin Drain:</u>		
	100,000	8-07-20-W0693
<u>Cross Valley Canal:</u>		
Fresno, County Of	3,000	14-06-200-8292A-IR8
Hills Valley Irrigation District-Amendatory	3,346	14-06-200-8466A-IR8
Kern-Tulare Water District	40,000	14-06-200-8601A-IR8
Lower Tule River Irrigation District	31,102	14-06-200-8237A-IR8
Pixley Irrigation District	31,102	14-06-200-8238A-IR8
Rag Gulch Water District	13,300	14-06-200-8367A-IR8
Tri-Valley Water District	1,142	14-06-200-8565A-IR8
Tulare, County Of	5,308	14-06-200-8293A-IR8